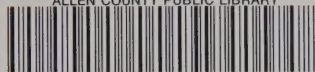


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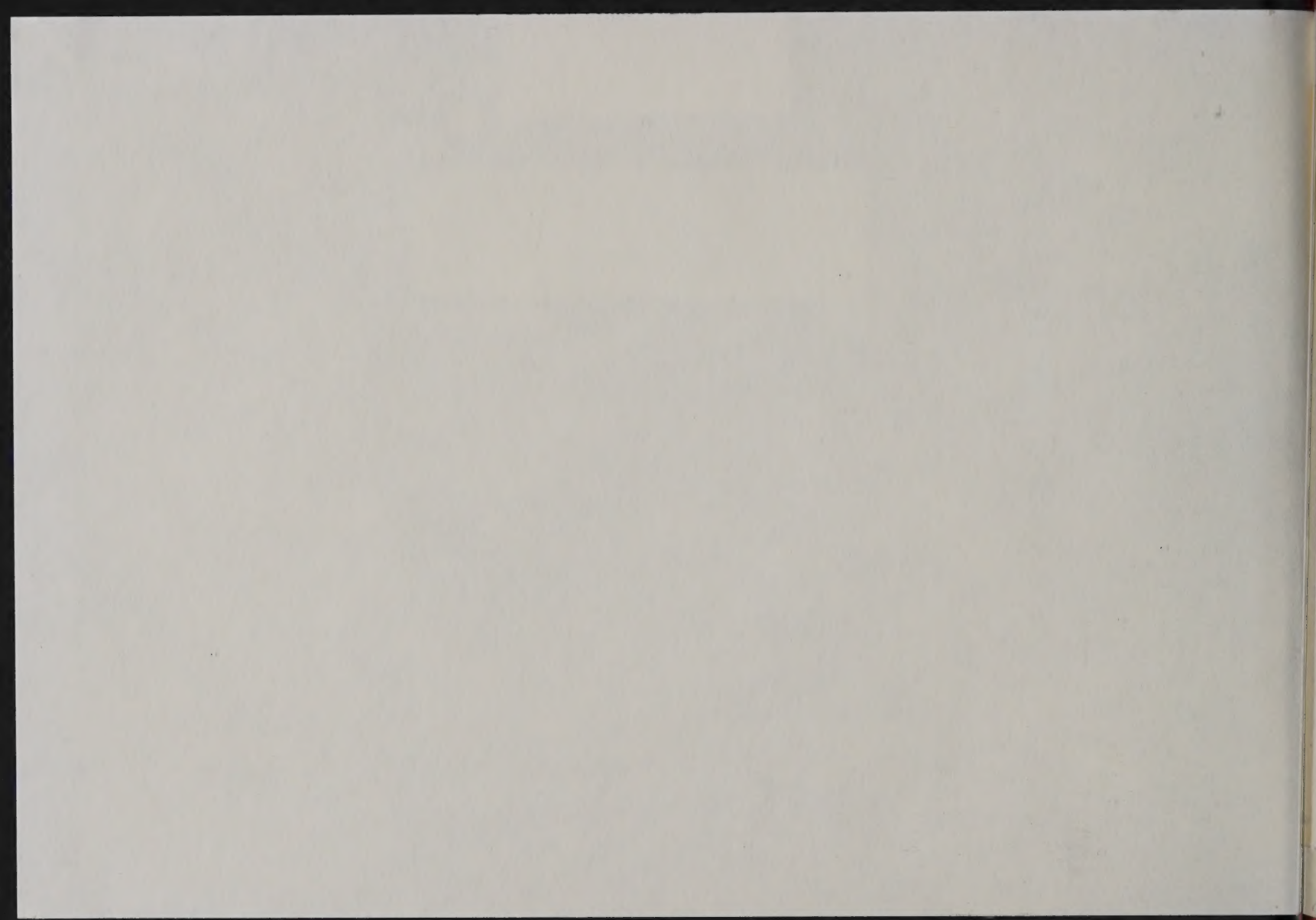
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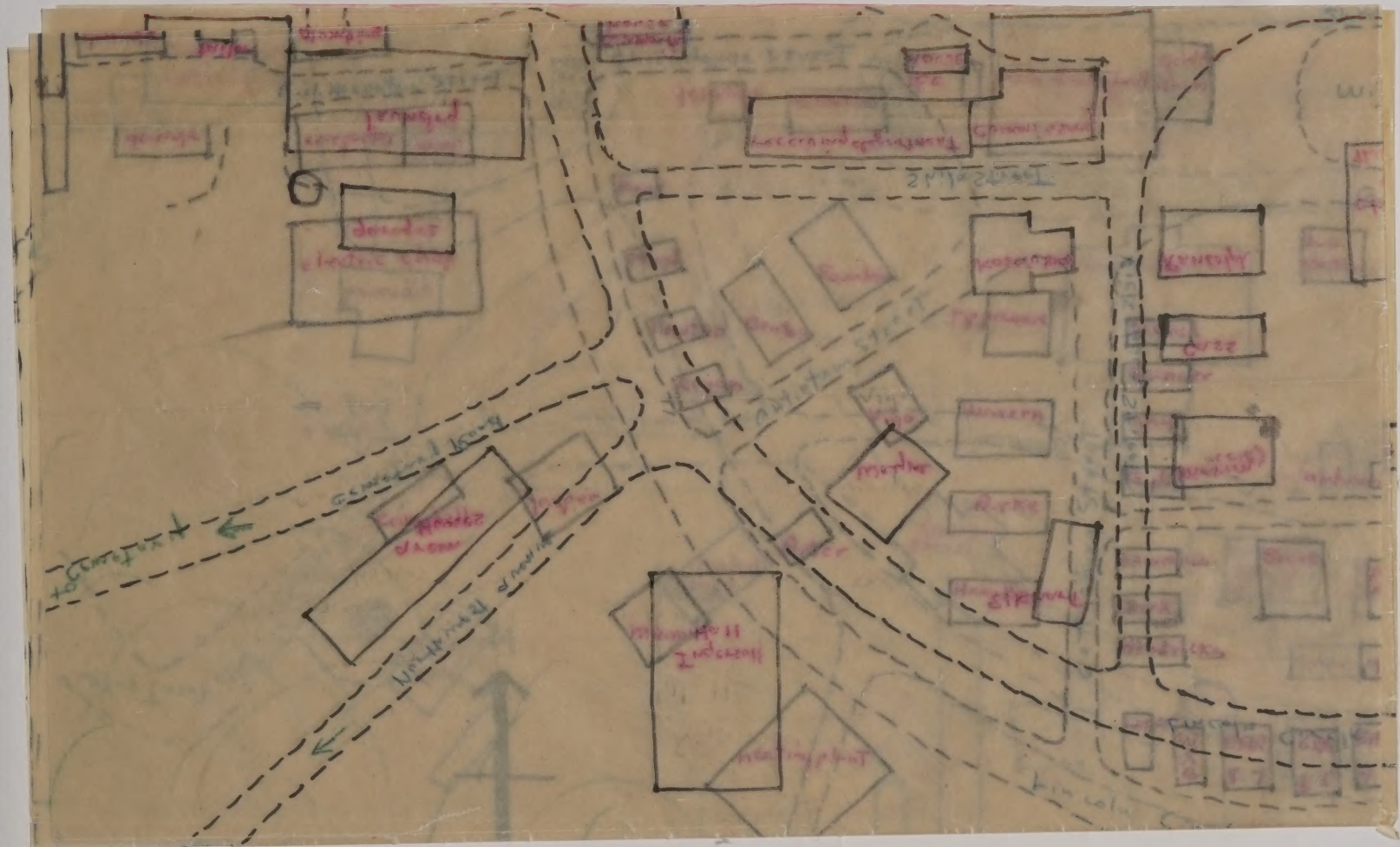
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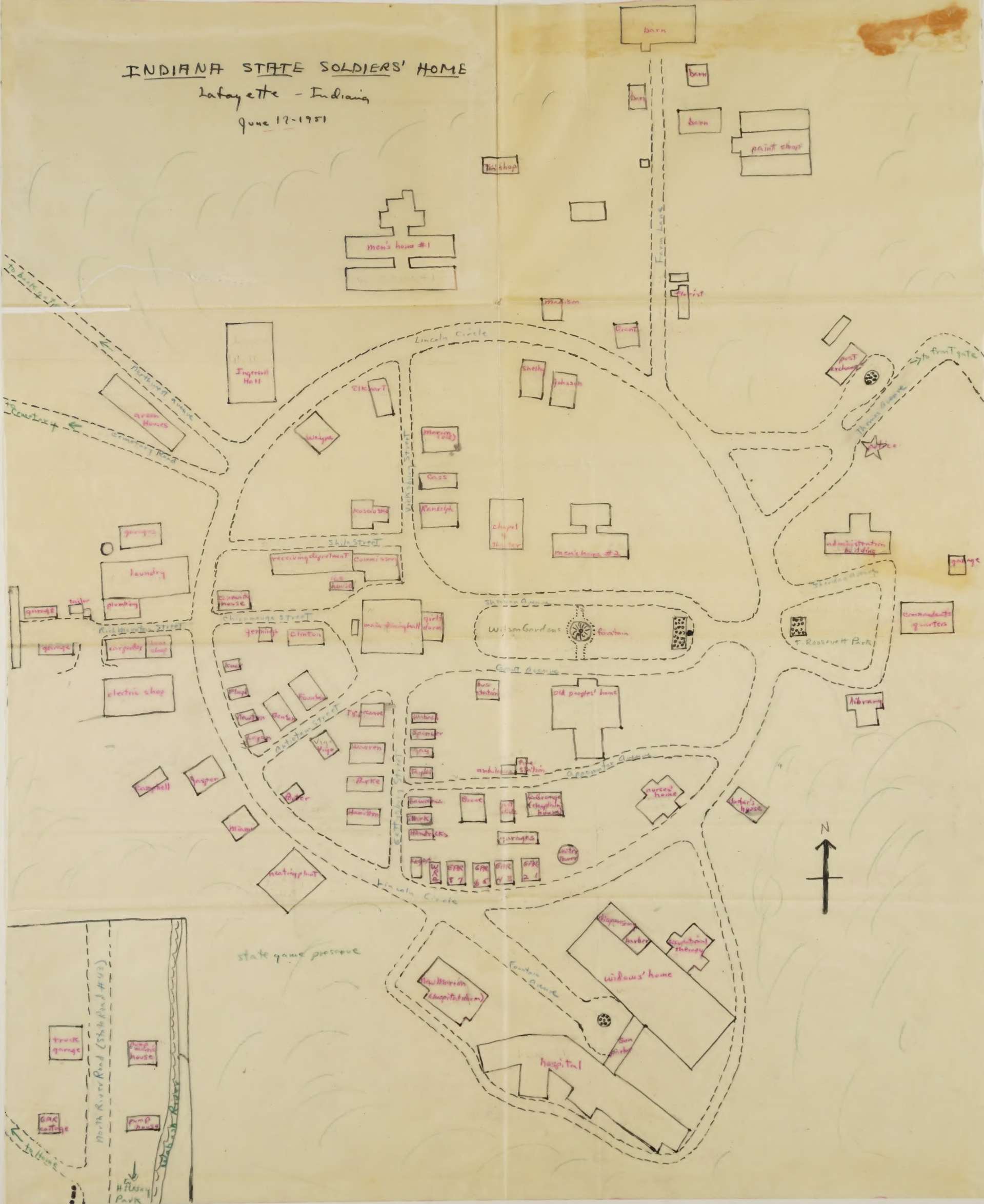
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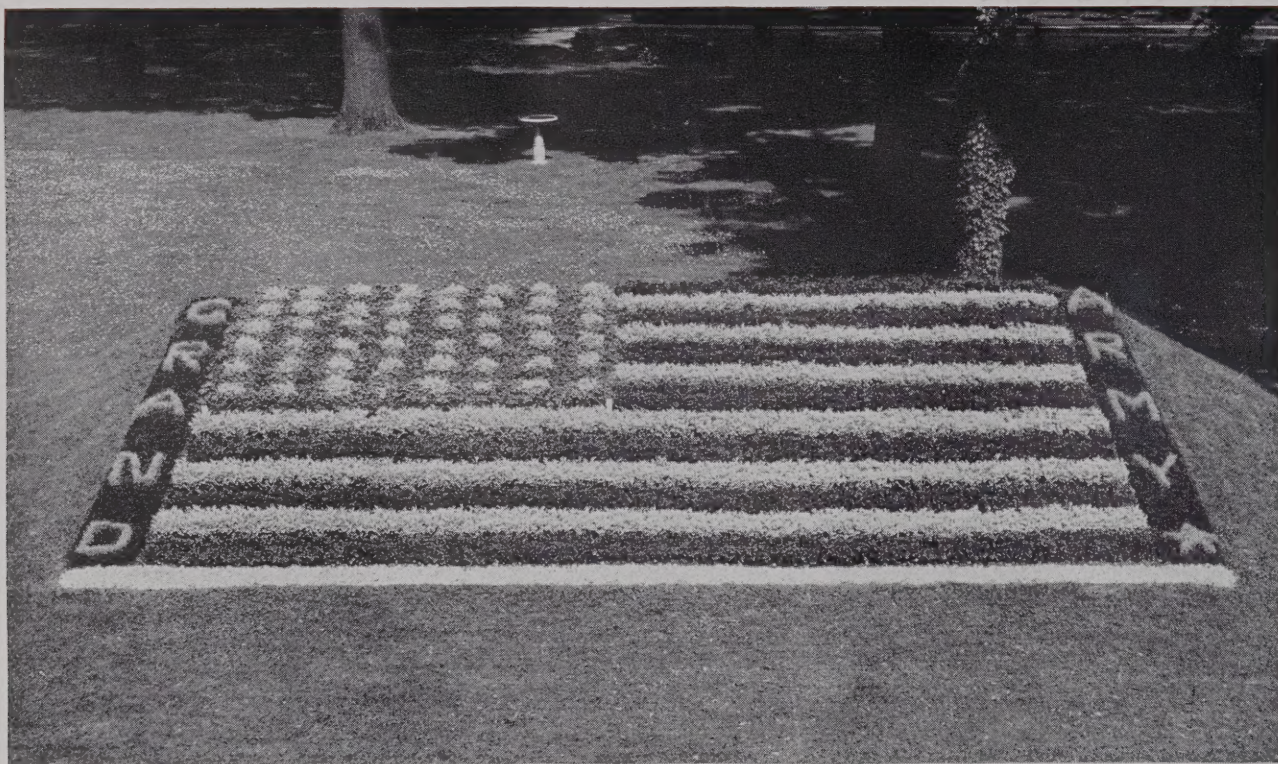
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MEN'S NUMBER TWO BUILDING, CAPACITY 30 MEN.

*Establishment of the
Soldiers' Home*

The Home was established through the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first step toward its establishment was taken in 1886 at the Department Encampment of that year. The proposed project was put aside temporarily, so as to prevent the failure of the movement for the erection of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Indianapolis. At the encampment of 1891, the urgent need for a soldiers' home was again emphasized and a committee was appointed to push the project. It was composed of James R. Carnahan, W. H. Tucker, David N. Foster, C. J. Murphy, D. F. Spees, Andrew Fite, H. B. Martin, U. D. Cole, A. O. Marsh, C. M. Travis, W. S. Haggard, D. B. McConnell, Jacob J. Todd and Jasper E. Lewis. After visiting several locations, on July 28, 1892, this committee accepted the site tendered by the citizens of Tippecanoe County and the city of Lafayette of 187 acres of wooded land on the old Tecumseh Trail. In addition to this tract, the city of Lafayette donated 55 acres situated two miles southwest of the main body of land and Colonel R. P. DeHart donated a river frontage of nearly one-half mile. In addition to these tracts of land, the committee received a cash donation of \$5,632.50 from Tippecanoe County for the development of the Home.



ORGANIZATION FLORAL EMBLEMS



COMMANDANT'S RESIDENCE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER, 1899



THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING: OFFICES OF COMMANDANT, ADJUTANT,
AND ENGINEER EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*The Legislative
Enactment History*

The committee, having secured the location, introduced a bill in the General Assembly of 1893 for the establishment and maintenance of the Home. It was passed by the House of Representatives but for lack of time failed in the Senate. In 1895 the bill was presented on the first day for the introduction of bills, passed both branches of the General Assembly, was signed by Governor Claude Matthews, and became a law on February 23, 1895. The Grand Army of the Republic deeded the land which it had received to the state and turned over its Soldiers' Home fund for its development. The bill provided for an appropriation of \$75,000 for the erection of general buildings, and the county commissioners in each county were authorized to make appropriations for the erection of cottages for citizens of their county who became residents of the Home.



INNER DRIVE WITH ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED FOUNTAIN, INSTALLED IN 1927

*Management of
the Home*

The management of the institution was entrusted to a Board of Trustees of five members, originally soldiers or sailors of the United States in the War of the Rebellion, but in 1921 it was changed to include two Civil War veterans, one Spanish War, and one World War veteran and one woman, the wife or widow of a veteran of any of these wars. In 1953 the Legislature abolished the Board of Trustees and the Department of Health was created. Within this department the Division of Medical Institutions was established with a Commissioner in charge and under whose control this institution was placed. The law also provided for a visiting Committee of six members who advise with the superintendent of the Home concerning ways and means of improving the institution and care of patients.



ASSEMBLY HALL FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND ENTERTAINMENTS



MAIN DINING HALL



MEN'S BUILDING ERECTED IN 1905, CAPACITY 100



INTERIOR VIEW—FRONT HALL IN MEN'S BUILDING



OLD PEOPLE'S BUILDING, CAPACITY 30 COUPLES

The Home

Building Program

Contracts were awarded July 8, 1895, for the completion of seven buildings, consisting of Waterworks Plant, Hospital, Old Peoples' Home, Dining Hall, Adjutant's and Quartermaster's building, Commissary, and Power House, to J. F. Alexander & Son, of Lafayette. These buildings were opened for occupancy February 1, 1896, and formally dedicated July 4 of the same year. Through funds appropriated by the various counties of Indiana, by the G.A.R., the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R. and the State of Indiana, buildings have been erected by the state as follows: The Chapel, the Men's building, a new Main dining room and Widows' home, provided for in 1897, an addition to the hospital in 1901, a new driveway and central heating plant in 1903, a separate Widows' home, which is now used as a Men's building, a fireproof hospital in 1921, a service plant with necessary equipment and transmission lines for supplying heat, light, power and water in 1923. In 1939, an underground tunnel for steam lines was constructed, Ingersoll Hall was erected and the old Hospital wing was remodeled to be used as a Widows'

THIS AIR VIEW OF THE INDIANA STATE
SOLDIERS' HOME WAS TAKEN BY MEM-
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MADISON COTTAGE—MEMBERS LIVE IN HOMELIKE SURROUNDINGS. THE ABOVE HOME IS ONE OF A NUMBER BUILT BY THE VARIOUS COUNTIES OF INDIANA

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home. A Sewage Disposal Plant was added in 1949. In 1953 a 150,000 gallon Watersphere was installed, two new wells were drilled and pumping equipment installed. At present contracts have been let for the installation of chain grate stokers in the heating plant, for the conversion of our Main dining room to cafeteria style serving and reconstruction of winding drive.

A fully equipped fire engine has been provided, insuring immediate protection from fire, in addition to the help to be obtained from Battle Ground and Lafayette, each located within a few miles of the Home.

Medical Department

The Home has an accredited Specialized Geriatric Hospital with 130 beds and it is adequately equipped to care for our acutely ill as well as the chronically ill and senile patients. Most recent pieces of equipment that have been added are the Electro-cardiograph and Basal Metabolism machines, a Cystoscope and small Autoclave.

The Cemetery and Monuments

Amidst the trees in the sacred acres of the Home 1900 veterans, their wives and widows are buried, each grave marked with the regulation government headstone. The late Colonel Winfield C. Curbin, former governor of Indiana, presented a memorial marker and monument for the cemetery in honor of



HOSPITAL—MAIN ENTRANCE AND PORCH



INGERSOLL HALL, CAPACITY 30 COUPLES



LIBRARY BUILDING

Civil War Veterans. It was dedicated May 25, 1925. In 1940 the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Indiana, presented and dedicated a monument and in 1954 a monument was dedicated by the American Legion, Department of Indiana, to those who served for God and Country that the Eternal Verities upon which this nation is founded might live.

*The
Commandant Personnel*

The Home is in the immediate charge of a Commandant, appointed by the Governor. The first Commandant was Colonel J. P. McGrew, who served for three and one-half years. Colonel Jasper Packard followed him and died while in office, after a service of only a few months. Colonel Gilbert R. Stormont then served for a period of three and one-half years. Colonel Richard M. Smock was Commandant for six years. W. S. Haggard, former Lieutenant-Governor, died in office, after serving for nearly two years. He was succeeded by Colonel D. B. Kehler, who had been Adjutant for thirteen years and served as Commandant for eleven years. Colonel Gilbert R. Stormont served for the second period and was succeeded by Colonel W. M. Loudon, Commandant from the fall of 1922 to July 1928. Colonel Loudon was succeeded by Colonel Charles F. Zillmer, who had served as Adjutant for some four years prior to his appointment. In May 1933 Colonel John H. Gilpin was appointed and he



LIBRARY INTERIOR. 150 PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT AMERICANS PAINTED BY CAPTAIN ALEXANDER LAWRIE, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOME, ARE IN THE ART GALLERY

served until December 1936. He was succeeded by Colonel Frank S. Clark, who served for nine months and he was followed by Colonel Irvin C. Bauman. In March 1945 Colonel Ray L. Robinson was appointed and he was succeeded by Colonel G. I. Seybert, each having served a four-year term. Colonel Herman H. Schmitz was appointed in April 1953 and is the present Commandant.

*Shows the
State's Gratitude*

This simple record of the Indiana State Soldiers' Home cannot tell the most important part of the story. It only feebly represents the gratitude of the state to those who have served it and the nation in time of need. It can only suggest the relief from fear of need and destitution given to those who answered their country's call, and incurred loss, danger, and privation. Overlooking the beautiful and historic Wabash River on one of the most beautiful spots in the state, in the company of comrades and their families, the days and the nights pass without any haunting fear of neglect.



NURSES' COTTAGE



WIDOWS' HOME DINING ROOM



GATEWAY TO CEMETERY

*Visitors Are
Always Welcome*

Visitors are welcome and thousands come to share the company of their friends and relatives and to enjoy the view afforded from many parts of the grounds. The state and those in immediate charge have made it a home of comfort and pleasant associations.



DURBIN MEMORIAL TO CIVIL WAR VETERANS, DEDICATED MAY 25, 1925



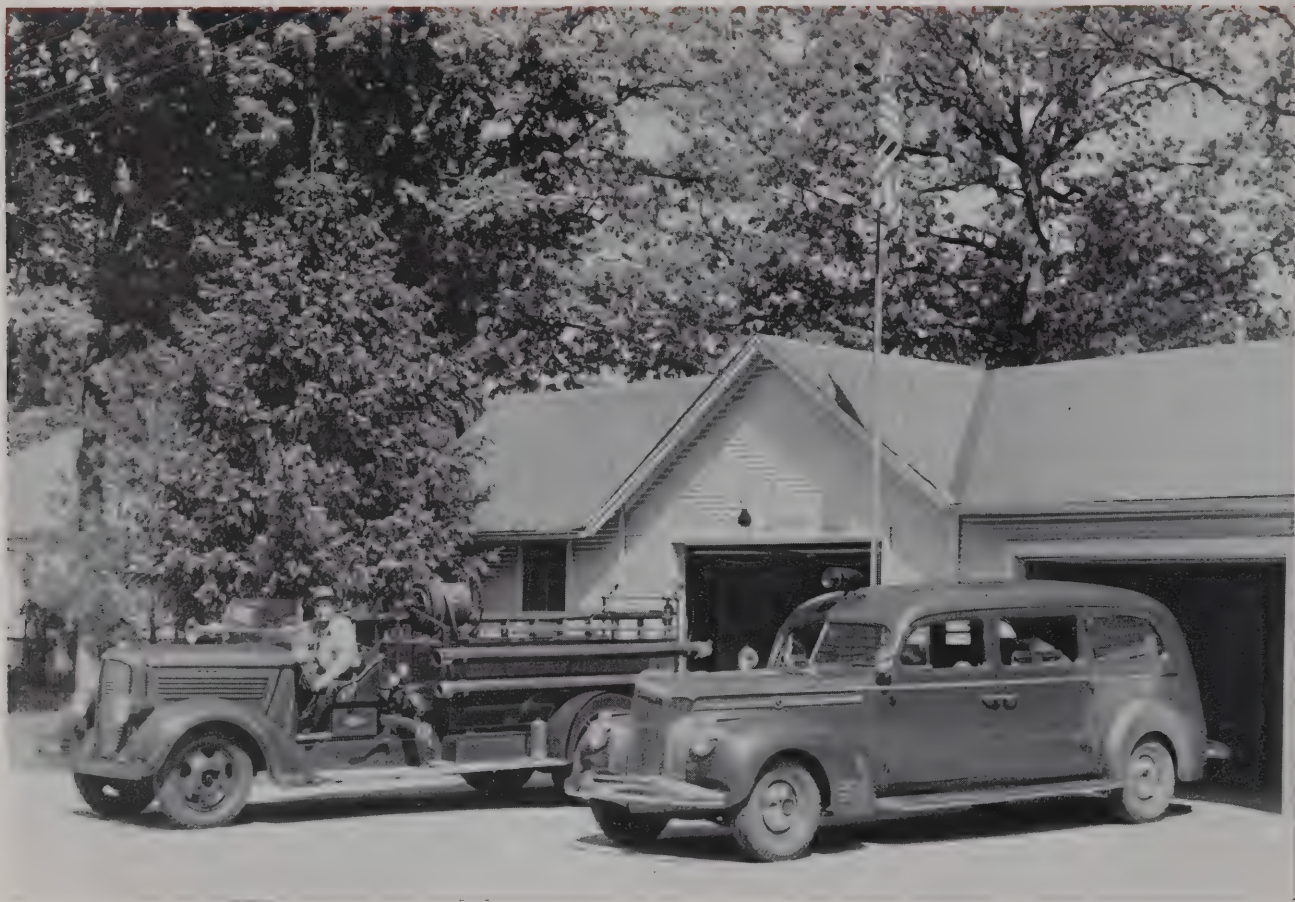
SECTION OF GRAVEYARD ON MEMORIAL DAY



INTERIOR VIEW OF HOSPITAL ROOM. THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL THAT HAVE BEEN FURNISHED BY THE VARIOUS PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS



INTERIOR VIEW—SUN PARLOR OF HOSPITAL



FIRE ENGINE—AMBULANCE



GREENHOUSE—FLOWERS AND PLANTS
ARE GROWN FOR HOME USE IN
BEAUTIFYING HOME CROUNDS



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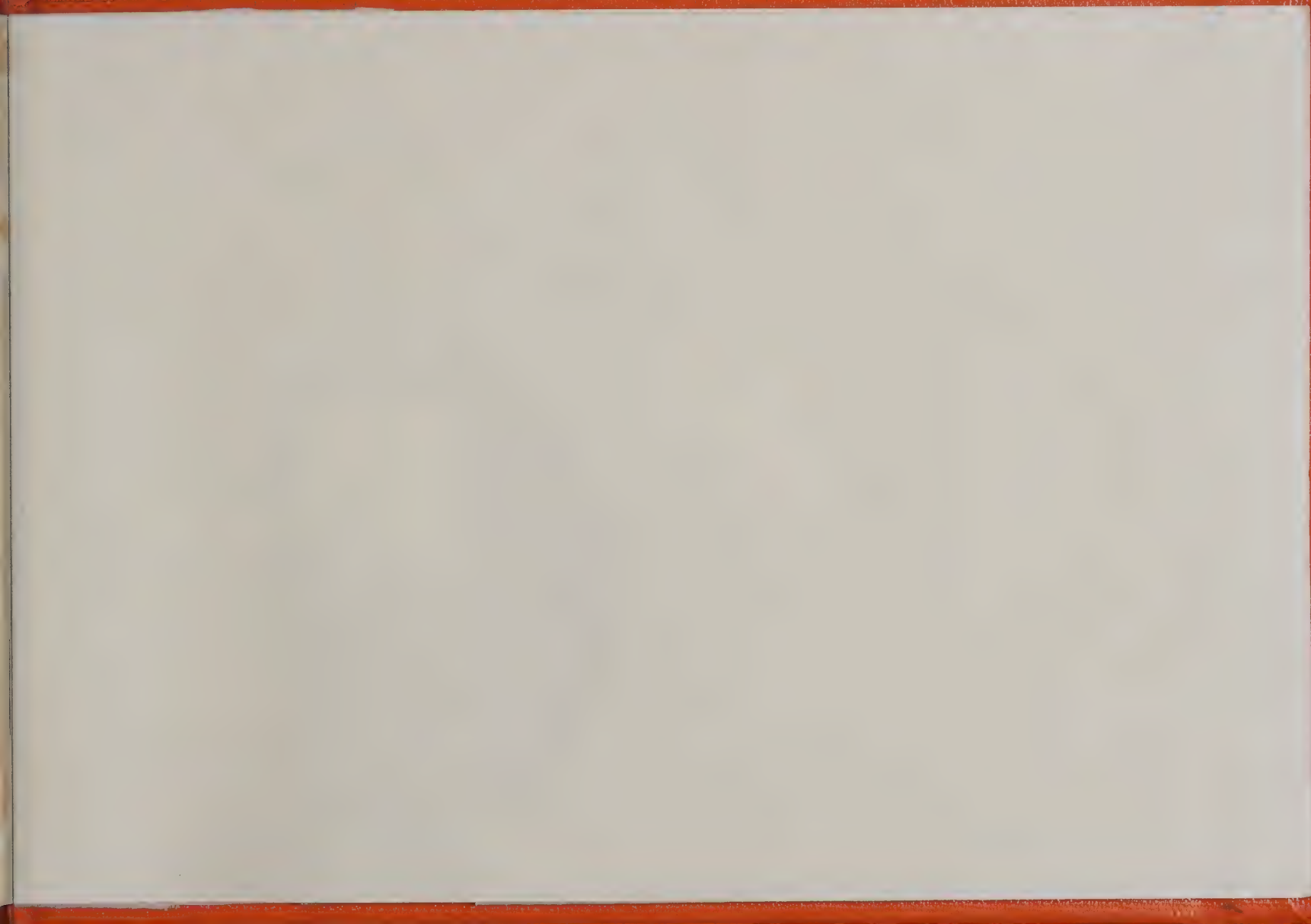
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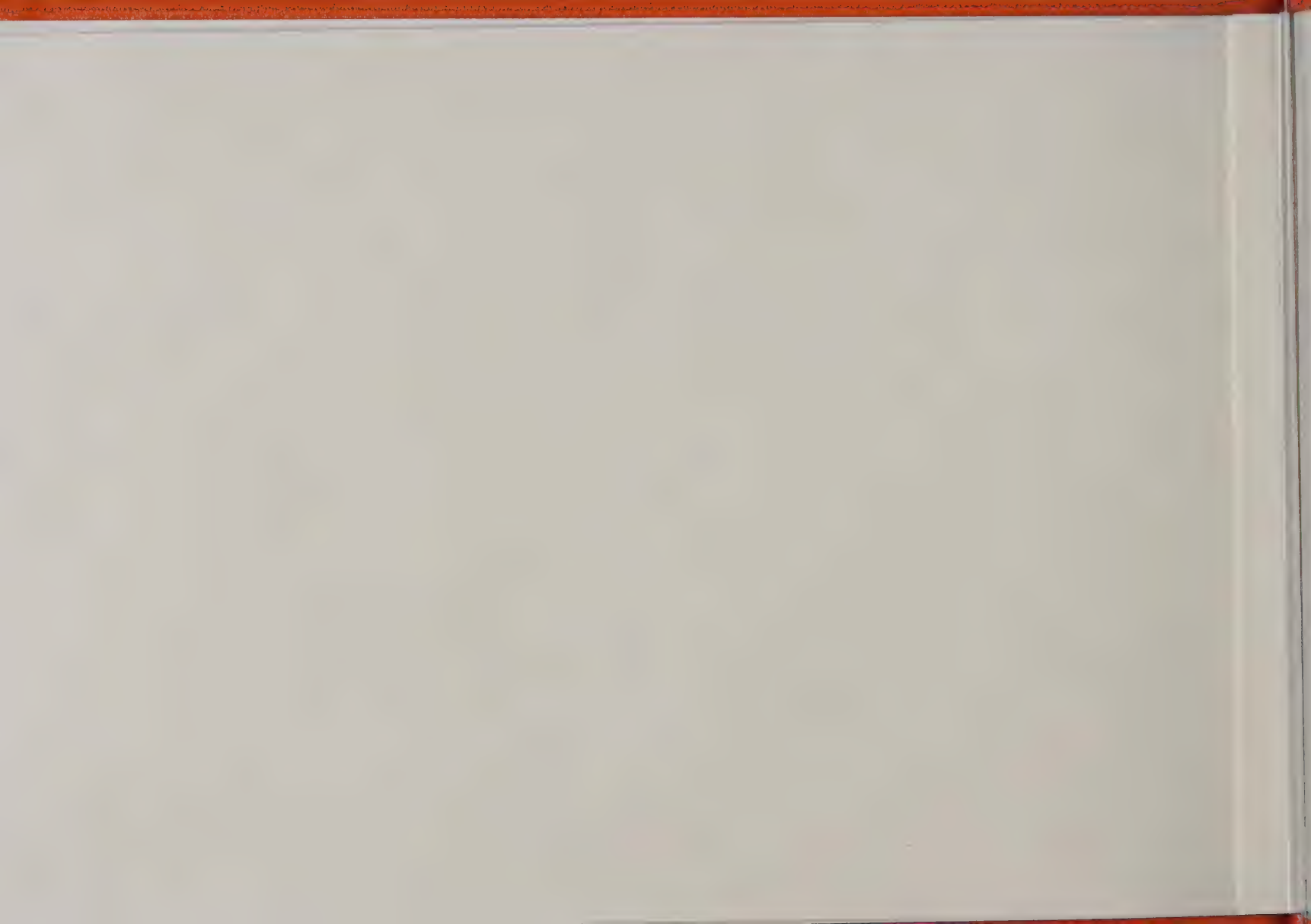


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Laws Governing Admission Rules and Regulations

SECTION I

General Information

This is a State Home for Indiana War veterans—men, women, widows and married couples who are disabled and/or destitute and are in need of hospital or domiciliary care which they are unable to provide for themselves.

The Home is located on the banks of the Wabash River near the City of Lafayette, Indiana, on Route 43.

The capacity of the Home is 642 members and there are 155 state merit service employees and 129 member employees.

The annual operating budget is \$700,000 with approximately \$400,000 being spent for employee salaries and \$300,000 for goods and services. The annual per capita cost per member is \$1,300, and after federal grants of \$400 for approximately 385 pensioned veterans, the net per capita cost to the State of Indiana is \$1,000.

Commandant

The Commandant, Colonel, is the chief executive officer and is responsible for the overall operation of the Home and conducts the affairs of the Home in accordance with the law of the state and as good judgment determines. He will insure that adequate rules and regulations are provided and that the members adhere to the rules. All merit service

employees are responsible through their department heads to the Commandant.

Executive Officer

The Executive Officer, Major, will be responsible to the Commandant for the business operation of the Home. He will maintain all fiscal records and furnish periodic reports. He will be responsible for maintaining adequate stores facilities and replenishment of all supplies; for the operation of an adequate food service department, a maintenance department, and a laundry department.

Adjutant

The Adjutant, Captain, will be responsible to the Commandant for the maintenance of all members' personal affairs records (other than the Commandant's Trust Fund and the Comfort and Welfare Fund), for quarters assignment, and for the general welfare of the members. He will counsel new members upon arrival, service the complaints of resident members, and process discharges. He will be responsible for the operation of the work therapy detail and will supervise all Corporals. He will be responsible for all members' quarters, other than the hospital, and will supervise the housekeeping in these areas. He will work closely with the Chaplain in conducting a recreational and religious program.

Chaplain

The Post Chaplain will be responsible for the general spiritual welfare of the members and will work closely with the Adjutant to promote adequate recreational activities.

Post Surgeon

The Post Surgeon will be directly responsible to the Commandant for the operation of the Post hospital and all phases of medical care of patients and members. He will be responsible for regular inspections of the Camp proper and will make recommendations to the Commandant regarding unsanitary conditions. He will hold daily sick call and will provide the Commandant with a daily report of admissions to or discharges from the sick list. He will inform the Commandant of any unusual cases and will provide local health authorities with required reports or vital statistics. He will advise the Commandant concerning the special dietary requirements of both members and patients.

SECTION II

Remuneration of Employees

All employees either merit service or members are fully remunerated for their services and may not solicit tips, gifts, bequests, or any other remuneration for any service performed for a member.

SECTION III

Requirements for Admission

The general requirements for admission are completely stated in the Acts of 1955, Chapter 294, as printed below:

“SECTION 1. Section 1 of the above entitled act is amended to read as follows: Section 1. That section 11 of the above entitled act be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. The following persons who were legal residents of the State of Indiana for at least five years immediately preceding application for admission, and who are disabled and/or destitute are eligible for admission to the home:

“(1) All honorably discharged members of the armed forces and nurses, who have served with the United States in any of its wars;

“(2) All honorably discharged members of the armed forces and nurses, who have served in any of the authorized campaigns of the United States and who have service-connected disabilities as evidenced by a pension certificate or the award of compensation;

“(3) The wives of such discharged members of the armed forces; and

“(4) The widows, over forty-five years of age, of such discharged members of the armed forces.

“The administrative head of the division of medical institutions shall adopt rules and regulations concerning admission to the home; Provided, That such administrative head shall have, in deserving destitute cases, the privilege of admitting widows of the Spanish American and World War I veterans, who are under the age of forty-five years.

“In making regulations governing the admission, maintenance and discharge of members of said soldiers' home, it shall be lawful for the administrative head of the

division of medical institutions to make it a condition for admission to said home that all veterans, unmarried, receiving a pension, compensation or gratuity from the United States exceeding sixteen dollars per month; all veterans, married, receiving a pension, compensation or gratuity from the United States exceeding twenty-five dollars per month; and all widows and nurses admitted thereto receiving a pension, compensation or gratuity exceeding sixteen dollars per month, from the United States, shall pay such excess into a fund to be used by the administrative head of the division of medical institutions in any manner that will add to the comfort and welfare of the members of said institution: Provided, That preference may be given to persons who served in Indiana military organizations: Provided further, That except in cases where the widow of a veteran shall marry another veteran, the benefits of this act shall extend only to widows and wives of veterans when the contract of marriage was entered into more than five years prior to the the date of making their application for admission to said home. Upon the death of any person in such home any balance of pension money paid to such person, or due to him or her from any bank, trust company, corporation or individual shall be paid to the widow, husband, minor children or dependent mother or father in the order named, and if no such relative shall be found within a period of two years the balance shall be paid into a fund in the hands

of the treasurer of the institution to be used under the direction of the administrative head of the division of medical institutions in improving and beautifying the cemetery at such institution."

SECTION IV

How to Make Application

Application blanks may be secured at the Home, from local Veterans Service Officers, or by writing to the Commandant, Indiana State Soldiers' Home, Lafayette, Indiana. Applicants should complete all sections of the application blank and forward it to the Commandant. New applications are considered periodically as vacancies permit, but usually once per month. As soon as an application is considered, the applicant will be notified of the action taken. Newly admitted applicants are received Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from the 8th to the 28th of each month except on holidays.

When there is a waiting list, some delay may occur in the processing of applications. When admission is delayed due to lack of availability of beds, the applicant will be so notified and kept informed as to the expected time of admission.

Prospective members whose applications are disapproved will be notified promptly by letter of the reasons for rejection.

SECTION V

Readmissions

A member accepting a discharge at his own request will not be readmitted until six months

have elapsed, at which time the application will be considered as though the applicant were a new member.

A member discharged for disciplinary reasons may make application for readmission after six months have elapsed. Acceptance of the application will depend on the seriousness of the offense leading to discharge.

Readmission shall not be granted to any member who was financially indebted to the Home at the time of departure, until full payment of the indebtedness is made by the member or an arrangement satisfactory to the Commandant has been made for such payment. Failure to fulfill an agreement for repayment shall be cause for immediate discharge.

SECTION VI

Checking In

New members will check-in at the Adjutant's office in the Headquarters Building. Checking-in hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., between the 8th and 28th of the month except on holidays. Members will be assigned quarters and will receive orientation information from this office.

New members are requested to bring with them toilet articles, available clothing, and are also permitted radios or phonographs. Certain items of furniture such as beds, easy chairs, rocking chairs, are permitted to be brought in; however it is desirable to have these brought in after initial admission and quarters assignment is made since space and

present furnishings will be a determining factor. All present quarters are adequately furnished, however some members request their own furniture for sentimental reasons.

Destitute new members will be provided with adequate toilet articles and clothing requirements.

Immediately upon arrival, all members will be scheduled for a physical examination by the Post Surgeon.

The member's pension papers will be deposited in the business office upon arrival and will be returned only upon discharge.

SECTION VII

Hospital

There is a 135-bed hospital on the grounds used for members who require medical and nursing care. Full medical facilities are available, however, surgery is arranged for at veterans hospitals or the Indiana University Medical Center as the case determines and usually is without cost to the member. The hospital is under the supervision of the Post Surgeon, and there is a full staff of nurses, attendants, and laboratory technicians. Special diets are available under the supervision of a trained dietitian.

SECTION VIII

Domiciliary Quarters

Some 475 members live in what is called the "Camp" which consists of several large frame homes and five brick buildings provided with individual rooms. Members may be quar-

tered singly or in double rooms. A husband and wife are quartered together.

Each building has a Corporal who is a member employee and is responsible for cleaning the public areas of the building as well as maintaining order within the building.

The Lieutenant is a member employee and is responsible for the supervision of the Corporals' housekeeping activities. He receives the morning report and inspects quarters to see that members maintain a proper standard of cleanliness and orderliness. He will assist the Captain in the general administration of the Camp activities.

SECTION IX

Discharges

Discharges are either honorable or for the benefit of the Home. Honorable discharges are granted at the request of the member and when given, entitle the member to leave the Home in good standing.

Discharges for the convenience of the Home are given in cases of serious infraction of the rules.

A member discharged for violation of rules is not allowed upon the Home grounds until and unless readmitted, except in special circumstances wherein permission may be given by the Commandant.

SECTION X

Furloughs and Passes

Members must be accounted for at all times and members who are absent without leave

will be subject to disciplinary action. Members absent without leave for more than 3 days will be dropped from the rolls and discharged.

A system of passes and furloughs is outlined below:

Passes will be granted for periods of 15 days or less and are primarily for the purpose of permitting members to be absent from Camp for short intervals. They may be secured at Headquarters during regular office hours any day, Monday through Saturday, except on the 1st, 2nd and last day of each month. Members must obtain passes if they are to remain out overnight.

Furloughs are for extended periods and will be granted for not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days. New members must remain in the Home 90 days before they will be permitted out on furlough or pass except overnight pass.

Quarters will not be reserved during furlough periods and upon return, a member will be reassigned quarters.

Furloughs granted at the request of the member may be extended beyond 90 days in exceptional cases. Approval, in writing, from the Commandant will be obtained in all such cases.

Furloughs given for disciplinary reasons will be granted for from 30 to 90 days and may not be extended.

Returns from furloughs must be arranged during the normal office hours of Headquar-

ters since new quarters assignment must be secured.

SECTION XI

Checking Out of the Home

From time to time members will be checking out of the Home on passes, furloughs or discharges. The steps listed below should be followed in order that departure will be orderly and that the member will be accounted for at all times:

1. *PASSES:*

- a. Obtain order for pass from Corporal in charge of quarters.
- b. Secure pass at Headquarters.
- c. Return and check out with Corporal in charge of quarters.

2. *FURLOUGHS:*

- a. Obtain order for furlough from Corporal in charge of quarters and arrange with the Corporal for storage of personal effects.
- b. Secure furlough papers at Headquarters and pay any indebtedness to the Home.
- c. Return and check out with Corporal.

3. *DISCHARGES:*

- a. Arrange with Captain for discharge.
- b. Obtain clearance from Library.
- c. Obtain clearance from Corporal in charge of quarters after vacating room.

- d. Obtain all discharge and pension papers at Headquarters.

SECTION XII

Religious Services

Religious services are regularly scheduled for the Catholic and Protestant faiths in the Post Chapel. Arrangements are made upon request for members to attend the church of their choice off the Post. The Post Chaplain is always available to attend to the spiritual needs of the member.

SECTION XIII

Clothing and Personal Effects

Clothing is not generally furnished to members; however, in certain instances, destitute individuals are provided adequate clothing.

Personal effects such as radios and TV sets can usually be accommodated in the member's quarters. However, approval from the Commandant must be secured for the installation of TV sets.

No electric heaters, hot plates or other high wattage appliances are permitted because standard circuits are not engineered to carry these extra electrical loads.

Members may, at their own expense, replace the furniture provided for their rooms by the Home; however, permission must first be obtained from the Commandant. The furniture becomes the property of the Home should the member leave at some future date or is deceased.

SECTION XIV

Post Office

The Post Office is located in the Post Office Building and full postal service is available. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and until noon on Saturday. Members' mail should be addressed as follows:

Member's Name
Indiana State Soldiers' Home
Lafayette, Indiana

SECTION XV

Post Exchange

A post exchange restaurant is operated as a private concession. This facility, in return for concession privileges, agrees to provide eating facilities for guests, sundry personal items, tobacco, candies, etc. at popular prices. Complaints of service should be directed to the Commandant.

SECTION XVI

Cashing of Checks

All members receiving a pension, Social Security, or other government gratuities must present their checks at the cashier's window in the Headquarters Building for recording and cashing. Members not able to come to the cashier's window will be visited by a representative from the office for the purpose of collecting such checks for recording and cashing.

SECTION XVII

Commandant's Trust Fund

A trust fund is maintained in the cashier's office and is commonly known as the "Commandant's Trust Fund". It receives deposits of excess funds for safe keeping. Funds may be deposited or withdrawn at any time by the member. The Commandant's Trust Fund is not a banking operation and does not pay interest. Excess funds of members confined to the hospital or who are mentally irresponsible will be retained and deposited in the Commandant's Trust Fund for safe keeping. From time to time, various comfort items may be purchased for these individuals and deductions will be made from their trust fund account balance for the cost of such purchases. All members receiving pensions or other government gratuity are required to keep at least \$75 on deposit to his or her account to be available for emergencies. For new members a reasonable time will be allowed to meet this requirement. Members discharged or on 90 day furloughs may withdraw this emergency fund.

SECTION XVIII

Comfort and Welfare Fund

The admission laws provide that each member will agree to contribute to the Comfort and Welfare Fund maintained by the Home. This fund is used to purchase goods and services for the benefit of all members.

Actual deductions from pensions and other government gratuities for this fund are indi-

vidually computed depending upon the amount of pension and marital status; however, they can be estimated as follows:

1. Single men, widows, and married men with wife not residing at the institution, 30% of first \$90 of the total of all government gratuities and 50% of any remainder.
2. Married men with wives residing in the institution, 20% of first \$90 of the total of all government gratuities and 50% of any remainder.
3. All "aid and attendance" portion of pension is deducted in addition to deduction in 1 and 2 above.

Comfort and Welfare Fund reductions are subject to change from time to time, however all members will be advised ahead of time in such event.

No allowance on the Comfort and Welfare Fund deduction will be made for less than thirty days' continuous absence, and no allowance will be made for more than one furlough in any three-month period. For the purpose of such allowance, time will date from the actual day such member goes out to the actual day the member returns; but on the records of the Home a member taking a furlough will not be counted out until the day after his departure and upon his return will not be counted in until the day after his arrival from furlough.

In accordance with the Acts of 1955, Chapter 294, it is made a condition of entering the Indiana State Soldiers' Home that any person

becoming a member of said Home voluntarily agrees that in case of death any balance of money derived from pensions paid to such person, or due to him or her from a bank, trust company, corporation or individual shall be paid to the widow, husband, minor children or dependent mother or father in the order named, and if no such relative shall be found within a period of two years the balance shall be paid into a fund in the hands of the Commandant of the institution to be used under the direction of the administrative head of the Division of Medical Institutions in improving and beautifying the cemetery at such institution.

SECTION XIX

Library

A complete library is available for the use of the members.

SECTION XX

Motion Pictures

The latest motion picture equipment is installed at the Home and the latest feature length movies are regularly scheduled. Members may invite guests from time to time. Tickets for guests will be obtained in advance from Headquarters. All guests and members are admitted free of charge. .

SECTION XXI

Transportation

Regularly scheduled bus transportation is maintained between the Home and the City of

Lafayette. Members are allowed four round trips per week.

Members may arrange to purchase tickets for public rail or bus transportation at reduced rates by obtaining proper credentials at the cashier's office in the Headquarters Building. This reduced rate is approximately 21% under regular fare.

SECTION XXII

Work Therapy

From time to time the members will be scheduled without pay for various work programs about the institution. Job assignments will depend upon physical ability as determined by the Post Surgeon. Such work therapy assignments are considered to be of psychological as well as physical value.

SECTION XXIII

Member Employment

Employment is arranged from time to time in the various departments of the Home. The number of jobs is limited and the salary rate is lower than that for merit service employees since full housing, food, and recreational facilities are already provided free of charge and since members work at these duties on a voluntary basis. Effort is made to employ non-pensioners as first priority since these individuals have the least funds available for personal maintenance. No member shall be permitted to engage in business or accept outside employment either while pres-

ent at the Home or on pass, except with the approval of the Commandant.

SECTION XXIV

Assistance with Claims

The administrative staff is always ready to assist members with the preparation of correspondence and forms incident to pension claims and other veterans administration papers. Please contact the Adjutant in regard to these matters. Members are urged to transact this business between the 10th and the 25th of the month.

SECTION XXV

Benefits for Non-Pensioners

The Comfort and Welfare Fund is utilized from time to time to provide essentials for those members having no other means of securing these items.

SECTION XXVI

Voting in Elections

Members of the Home vote in elections of public officials the same as all other citizens. After being here long enough to satisfy resident requirements, they may register and vote at the Home. If they have maintained legal residence in their former communities, they may cast their ballots by mail. Generally speaking, the election laws affect the Home and its people the same as in the case of any other community of approximately 700 population.

The Home itself is strictly non-political and non-partisan. However, partisans among the members organize, hold meetings, and hear political speeches exactly like they would outside the Home.

SECTION XXVII

Funerals

Members may elect to have families arrange for funerals outside of the Home, or, in the absence of any written instructions, funerals will be arranged at the Home and services will be conducted in the Chapel accompanied by military honors. Internment will be in the State Soldiers' Home cemetery nearby.

SECTION XXVIII

Laundry and Dry Cleaning

All articles of clothing are laundered at the Home laundry. There are weekly pick-ups and deliveries at the Hospital building and widows' home. Domiciliary members take their cleaning to the laundry and pick it up again at specified times. Each piece of laundry must carry the member's home number for identification. There are facilities for laundering of personal apparel in the Community House. A Lafayette dry cleaning firm maintains pick-up and return service to individual buildings on the Home grounds for items that must be dry cleaned. Dry cleaning will be at members own expense.

No laundering will be permitted in any building except as provided for in the laundry or Community House.

SECTION XXIX

Visitors

Friends or relatives may visit members at the Home any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., but no visitors will be furnished meals or lodging.

Visitors may obtain food and refreshment at the PX facility.

SECTION XXX

Barracks Rules

Rules governing the domiciliary quarters are simple and sensible, being only what experience has shown to be necessary to maintain good order and promote the collective comfort and convenience of members.

Each member is responsible for his own bed, night stand, and locker and the floor around him. Keeping a squad room clean is usually a cooperative matter, with members taking turns wielding the floor brushes and mops. The daily cleaning is a matter of only a few minutes after breakfast. Big jobs such as window washing and floor waxing are performed by member employees or by the work therapy detail.

Each member also is required to make his bed each morning, but if he is employed or has a disability which makes it difficult for him to perform this chore personally, he can arrange to have it taken care of by one of several bedmakers found in each building.

Reveille is held at 6:00 a.m., retreat at 4:00 p.m., bed check 9:00 p.m., and taps 9:30 p.m.

Meals are eaten in the Main Mess Hall with breakfast at 7:00 a.m., dinner at 11:45 a.m., and supper at 5:00 p.m.

Lights go out at 9:30 p.m. This does not mean that members must go to bed by then. There are reading rooms which members may use whenever they wish.

Baths are not permitted between taps and 6:30 a.m. There is an unwritten rule calling for quiet between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to accommodate members wishing to take an after-dinner rest. Bunk fatigue may be indulged in at any time during the day, provided a member has no duties he is expected to perform.

Any member on special diet wishing to be excused from a meal will notify the Mess Sergeant, nurse on duty, or the office at least one hour before meal time.

Television may be operated to 10:00 p.m. Exceptions for special events will be authorized. Personal radios may be operated at any time provided others will not be disturbed.

Inspection of the rooms and facilities of the Home, as well as the dress and appearance of all members, may be conducted at any time by the Commandant or any officer designated by him.

SECTION XXXI

General Rules and Regulations of the Home

1. The Commandant shall have broad responsibility to punish any member of the Home for an offense which, in the Commandant's judgment, brings injury to the

Home or to any member, officer, employee, or other person at the Home. Such an offense may be a violation of a rule, order or combination of rules and orders. Disciplinary action will be appropriate and adequate.

2. A Security Force shall be appointed by the Commandant from Home member personnel and it shall be the duty of this force to maintain order and security on the reservation.
3. The Commandant shall appoint from the Home membership, a Lieutenant to be in in charge of the Camp and sufficient Corporals for each building housing members. The Corporals shall have immediate supervision over the membership of their respective buildings, being responsible for member conduct.
4. Any member charged with a penal offense shall be immediately delivered to the civil authorities possessing jurisdiction in such matters.
5. No announcement of any kind shall be posted or displayed on the grounds except with the approval of the Commandant. Only bulletin boards or other designated places will be used for that purpose.
6. Accredited patriotic, fraternal, and welfare organizations of the Home wishing to raise money for legitimate causes may solicit funds and sell tickets to entertainments, under their own management provided in each instance that the approval of the Commandant is secured in advance.

The funds so raised shall be used only for the purposes for which solicited.

7. Use of the name of the Indiana State Soldiers' Home shall not be permitted in connection with any sales or promotional enterprise by members or other persons, or by an organization.
8. On occasion of annual federal muster conducted by the Veterans Administration, it is required that all members be present except those on pass or furlough.
9. A member who, in the judgment of the Commandant and Post Surgeon, requires treatment as an alcoholic by commitment to a state hospital, may be discharged from the Home if he refuses such commitment.
10. If a member subject to discharge is in such condition or circumstance that he is not immediately capable of caring for himself away from the Home, the Commandant may, at the member's request, permit such member to remain at the Home under such restrictions as may be imposed by the Commandant.
11. Any member has the right to register criticism or complaint with the administrative head of the Division of Medical Institutions against any condition at the Home which the member considers to be unsatisfactory, including the conduct of officers and employees. Such grievances shall be communicated in writing, with a copy to the Commandant.

12. *Commandant's Disciplinary Jurisdiction.*

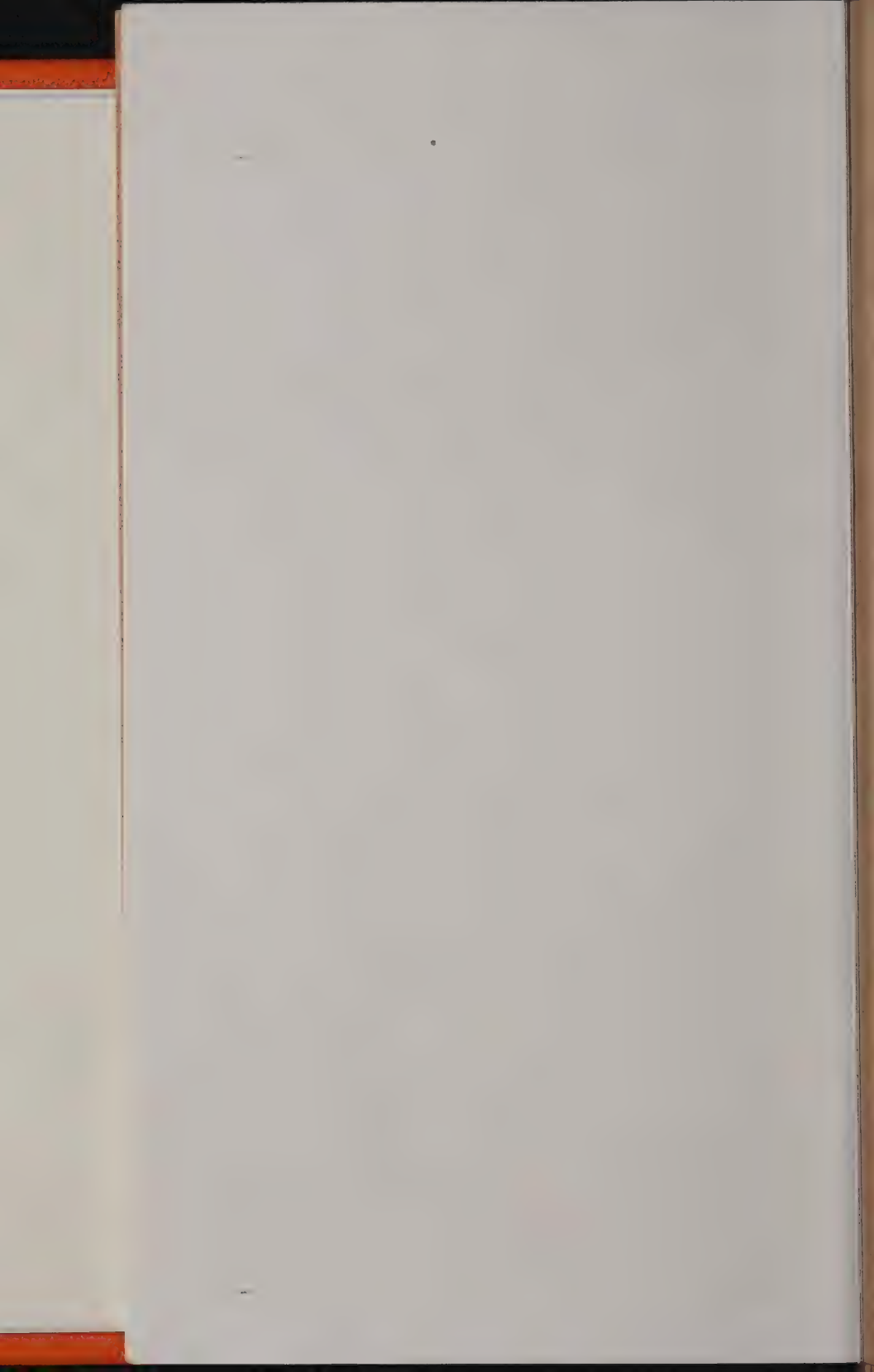
Any violation of the following rules shall be subject to investigation by the Commandant or his representative and members found guilty of violations shall be subject to discipline which may include dismissal from the Home.

- a. No member shall contract a debt or obligation with intent to defraud.
- b. No member shall borrow from or lend money to any officer or employee of the Home, and no member shall offer money or a thing of value as a tip or remuneration for service rendered by an employee in the course of his regular duties.
- c. No member shall conduct himself in a manner which disturbs the routine and tranquility of other members.
- d. No member shall be absent without leave.
- e. No member shall steal from another member, or any other person, or from the Home.
- f. No member shall commit bodily assault or battery on any other person.
- g. No member shall willfully provoke or insult, or make a threatening gesture, or derogatory, untrue, inflammatory remarks toward an officer, employee, or other Home members; nor shall any member use foul, profane or violent language.

- h. No member shall steal, sell, deliberately damage, give away or otherwise wrongfully dispose of state property.
- i. No member shall refuse laboratory tests, medical or surgical examination, or treatment considered necessary by the Post Surgeon.
- j. No member shall spit on floors or sidewalks, in drinking fountains, in wash basins, or in glasses or cups and other receptacles used in the serving of food or drink.
- k. No member shall willfully or habitually create litter or fail to cooperate in maintaining the buildings and grounds of the Home in a clean, neat, and sanitary condition.
- l. Domiciliary members shall be required to take at least two baths each week and hospital patients shall bathe as directed by the Post Surgeon.
- m. No member shall become intoxicated by consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs, either on or off the reservation.
- n. No member shall transport alcoholic beverages onto the reservation.
- o. No member shall have in his possession firearms and other lethal weapons except in the case of those members of the Home Security Force who are authorized by the Commandant to carry arms.
- p. No member shall make false representation by commission or omission

regarding his physical or financial status or other material matter in order to be admitted to, or continue membership in the Home, and members shall report to the Executive Officer, without delay, any change in his financial status since he became a member of the Home.

- q. No member shall smoke in bed except hospital patients who may smoke at times designated by the Post Surgeon.





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